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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (INCB)

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1. AGENDA ITEM 14 OF 60TH ECOSOC INCLUDES ELECTION OF INCB
MEMBERSHIP. PRIMARY US OBJECTIVE UNDER THIS ITEM IS ELEC-
TION OF US CANDIDATE BETTY GOUGH AND OTHER GENERALISTS (NON-
MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS) IN HOPE OF MAKING INCB MORE ACTIVE
INTERLOCUTOR OF GOVERNMENTS. MANY STATES ARE FIELDING MEDI-
CAL PEOPLE BUT WE BELIEVE CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) SHOULD PROVIDE INCB WITH SUFFI-
CIENT MEDICAL EXPERTISE. SECONDARY US OBJECTIVES ARE ELEC-
TION OF CANDIDATES FIELDDED BY PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY
COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATION OF MAJOR PRODUCERS OF NARCOTIC
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RAW MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURED DRUGS.

2. FIRST STEP IN INCB ELECTION WILL BE SELECTION FROM AMONG WHO-PROPOSED CANDIDATES. WE BELIEVE BEST RESULT WOULD BE REELECTION OF INCUMBENTS: FUENTE (MEXICO); ATTISO(TOGO) AND KAYMAKALAN (TURKEY).

3. SECOND STEP WILL BE SELECTION FROM AMONG GOVERNMENT

NOMINEES. IN LIGHT OF OBJECTIVES NOTED IN PARA 1, WE

WOULD PREFER ELECTION OF FOLLOWING FROM AMONG GOVERNMENT NOMINEES: GOUGH (US); DITTERT (SWITZERLAND); REUTER (FRANCE); MASON (UK); BARKOV (USSR); ANAND (INDIA);GARCES (COLOMBIA) AND KCHOUK (TUNISIA).

4. TO IMPROVE CHANCES OF ELECTION OF US CANDIDATE AND MOST QUALIFIED OF CANDIDATES LISTED IN PARA 3, USDEL SHOULD SHORTLIST OUR FIRST BALLOT IN ELECTION OF GOVERNMENT NOMINEES TO VOTE ONLY FOR FOLLOWING CANDIDATES: GOUGH (US); DITTERT (SWITZERLAND); REUTER (FRANCE); MASON (UK) AND BARKOV (USSR). THIS ASSUMES THAT WEO GROUP HAS BEEN UNABLE AGREE ON RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES, AS WE EXPECT WILL BE CASE. USDEL SHOULD CONFIDENTIALLY INFORM UK AND FRENCH MISSIONS OF OUR INTENTION TO VOTE FOR THEIR CANDIDATES AND URGE THAT THEY TOO SHORTLIST FIRST BALLOTS TO ACCENT GENERALISTS. USDEL SHOULD CONFIDENTIALLY INFORM DELEGATIONS OF MEXICO, TOGO AND USSR JUST BEFORE VOTING BEGINS THAT US INTENDS TO VOTE FOR THEIR CANDIDATES, AND REQUEST THAT THEY RECIPROCAT. OTHER DELEGATIONS WHICH MAY BE RESPONSIVE TO GENERAL APPROACH FOR SUPPORT ARE: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, GREECE, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, LIBERIA, BRAZIL. JAMAICA HAS ALREADY PROMISED SUPPORT (REF B).

5. IN VOTING BEYOND FIRST BALLOT, WE WOULD WISH, SUBJECT TO ANY CONSIDERATIONS ARISING FROM REGIONAL CONSENSUS, TO VOTE IN MANNER DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ELECTION CHANCES OF CANDIDATES LISTED IN PARA 3 WHO ARE NOT ELECTED ON FIRST BALLOT.

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6. IF ASKED WHICH CANDIDATES U.S. WILL VOTE FOR, USDEL SHOULD RESPOND THAT TRADITIONAL US POSTURE ON UN ELECTIONS IS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS, IF ANY, OF REGIONAL GROUPS BEFORE DECIDING WHOM TO SUPPORT. (FYI INCB SEATS ARE NOT NOW APPORTIONED ON REGIONAL BASIS. WE REGARD THIS AS APPROPRIATE SINCE QUALIFICATIONS ARE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN INCB MEMBERSHIP SELECTION. SINCE REGIONAL APPORTIONMENT WOULD FAVOR ADDITIONAL THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATION,

WITHOUT REGARD TO QUALIFICATIONS, WE SHOULD OPPOSE ANY
MOVE TO APPORTION INCB SEATS ON REGIONAL BASIS. END FYI.)
INCIDENTALLY, IN DECIDING HOW TO CAST OUR SECRET BALLOTS,
WE WILL VOTE ONLY FOR CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE
ON CANDIDATURES (REF A). SISCO

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